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Convention Organizing

THE

Mitchels River

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

Friendship Baptist Church,

Surry County, N. C.,

December 11th, 12th, 13th, 1903.

ELDER W. F. GREGORY, MODERATOR, Pine Ridge, N. C.
J. M. GENTRY, CLERK AND TREASURER, Elkin, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Oak Grove—W. F. Gregory, E. F. Cain, B. A. Freeman, J. W. McCaw, Abram Ayers.

Friendship—J. M. Gentry, W. A. Gentry, A. B. Woodruff, Daniel Woodruff.

Union Cross—B. W. Snow, C. C. Holyfield, J. H. Norton, W. H. Melton.

Elkin Valley—C. A. Cooper, B. Woodruff, J. F. Cooper, Louis Collins, Alpus Hendrix.

PROCEEDINGS.

The First Session of the Mitchels River Baptist Association convened with Friendship Church Dec. 11th, 12th, and 13th 1903.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder M. E. Pool of the Little River Association. Text,1st Corinthians. 3:11. "For other foundation Can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ.

1 After short intermission the following Churches from the Primitive Baptist Association, to wit, Friendship, Elkin Valley, Union Cross, Oak Grove which have been recently constituted, came forward with letters and their Delegates met in Convention with Friendship Church Dec. 11, 1903.

2 Elder A. McKnight explained the cause of this convention and brother J. M. Gentry read the Church letters.

3 On motion Elders J. O. Wood and M. E. Pool acted as tellers who reported Elder W. F. Gregory, Moderator and J. M. Gentry, Clerk.

4 A motion invited the Presbytery from the Little River and Primitive Baptist Associations to especially take part in our organization when Elders A. McKnight and M. E. Pool from the Little River and Elder J. O. Wood from the Primitive took seats with us.

5. On motion to invite visiting brethren of the same faith and order when Brethren Jackson Key, Willey Hull, Henry Cook and John Law came forward and accepted seats.

6. On motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during the session.

7. Committee on arrangements: E. F. Cane, B. Woodruff, W. A. Melton, B. A. Freeman, J. H. Norton, with the Moderator and Clerk and visiting Brethren with them.

8. J. W. McCaw, W. A. Gentry, A. B. Woodruff Com. on finance.

9. Abram Ayers, J. F. Cooper with the delegates of this church, Com. on the ministry who reported for to-morrow, Elder A. McKnight.

10. Appointed Brethren to visit sister associations: E. F. Cain to the Mountain Union and Blue Ridge, Abram Ayers to the Little River, B. Woodruff to the Primitive.

11. On motion adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock prayer by Elder W. A. Melton benediction by Elder A. McKnight.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 12, 1903.

After spending some time in devotional services, Convention lead by Elder J. O. Wood.

1. Called on the Clerk to call the roll of Delegates a quorum being present.

2. On motion the Com. of arrangement reported and was discharged.

3. On motion to take up the items as they appear on bill.

4. The clerk then read the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of faith of the Primitive Baptist Association.

5. On motion to addopt the Constitution, Rules of decorum and Articles of faith of the Primitive Baptist Association only insert the name Mitchels River in lieu of Primitive.

6. Invited visitors of the same faith and order to seat with us, none present.

7. Called on Finance Com. to report, he reported $8.45 from the different churches.

8. Time and place for the next Association to convene with Oak Grove church two miles North of Hay Stacks on Friday before the second Sunday in November 1904. Elder W. A. Melton to preach the introduction, Elder E. F. Cain, alternate.

9. The Clerk was instructed to buy an Association book and allow him $1-50 for his services and the remainder spent for minutes.

10. The brethren who were appointed to write correspondent letters and read them reported.

11. Appoint correspondents to Mountain Union, W. A. Melton, E. F. Cain; Blue Ridge, J. A. Norton. B. W. Snow; Little River, J. M. Gentry, B. A. Freeman, Abram Ayers, W. F. Gregory. W. A. Melton; Primitive, J. M. Gentry, W. A. Gentry, Henry Cook, A. B. Woodruff, Abram Ayers, B. A. Freeman, W. F. Gregory and J. H. Norton.

12. To return thanks to God and Brethren and sisters and kind friends of this community for their hospitality to us during this session.

13. Committee on the ministry report for to-night, first Elder E. F. Cain, second Elder W. F. Gregory, to-morrow first Elder M. E. Pool, second Elder A. McKnight.

14. The Clerk read the proceedings of this Convention and received by the body.

15. Adjourn to time and place appointed for the first session of the Mitchels River Baptist Association, song and payer by Elder A. McKnight of the Little River Association, Benediction by W. A. Melton.

ELDER W. F. GREGORY, Moderator.
J. M. GENTRY, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 13, 1903.

Services opened by singing, and prayer by the Moderator. First sermon by Elder M. E. Pool, text Revelations 3:18. Second sermon by Elder A. McKnight, text the Acts. 10:36, after which there was a hearty hand shaking and praising God and some gave their hands to be prayed for after prayer was offered by Elder B. Woodruff benediction.

J. M. GENTRY, Clerk.

Constitution.

Art. 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Mitchels River Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recomen dation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since the last association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3 The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4 The associantion shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually, by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches or any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and order in good standing either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by applications and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6 Every church in the union shall be entitle to representation in the Association.

7 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8 The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9 We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of aTreasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contribute to any purpose they may think proper.

10 There shall be an association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11 The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected. if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns,

12 Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months notice.

13 The Association shall act as an advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14 The Association shall inquire into the causes if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthrodox principles of the Gospel.

16 The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17 The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18 The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain the same as they may choose

Rules of Decorum.

1 This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech

3 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4 He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6 No person shall speak more than three times on one subject; without liberty obtained from the Association.

7 No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whispering in the time of public speech.

8 No member of the Association shall address another by an other appellation than that of Brother.

9 The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum

10 The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11 The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12 Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be approved by the Association as shall be deemed proper.

Articles of Faith.

1 We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace,

4 We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5 We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally again.

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7 We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9 We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Time of Service	By letter.	Application.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
Oak Grove.	W. F. Gregory.	James Johnson	Pine Ridge.	2	6	5	6	2	1	55	3.10
Friendship.	B. Woodruff.	J. M. Gentry.	Elkin.	2					1	16	2.30
Union Cross.	W. F. Gregory.	C. C. Holyfield.	Venable	4						13	2.05
Elkin Valley	B. Woodruff.	J. F. Cooper.	Elkin.	4						22	1.00

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PROCEEDINGS.

1. The Fourth Annual Session of the Mitchells River Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year with Covenant Church on Friday morning, November 8th, 1907. Elder J. H. Haynes, read the 51 Psalm. Singing and prayer by Elder A. McKnight, from the Little River Association. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. H. Norten, Text: Matt. 2 Chapter and 2 verse.

2. After a short intermission Elder W. F. Gregory opened the Association by singing and prayer.

3. Called for Associational letters, when 6 were handed in and read by the Clerk.

4. On motion published an open door for newly constituted churches, when Center View came forward and joined by letter and reccommendation, and delegates were seated with the Body.

5. On motion proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, with Elders A. McKnight, J. N. Calloway and Bro. John Crab, from the Little River and Mountain Union Associations as tellers who reported. Elder W. F. Gregory, Moderator; J. H. Haynes, Clerk.

6. On motion invited Brethren from Corresponding Associations of the same faith and order to seats with us, when Elder A. McKnight, C. Doby, J. D. Johnson, H. Bartley, and J. M. Todd from the Little River Association came forward and was seated with the Body. From the Mountain Union, Elder J. N. Calloway; from the Primitive, John Crab and L. C. Parden.

7. On motion Correspondents and Letters were received in love and were invited to aid in counsel.

8. On motion they were seated with the Body.

9. On motion to authorize the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during the session.

A. On the Ministery, C. A. Cooper, W. A. Gentry, G. T. Butcher with the Delegates of Covenant Church.

B. On arrangements C. A. Cooper, E. F. Caine, J. W. McCraw, W. H. Melton and W. E. Norman.

C. Brethren to write Correspondent Letters: C. C. Hollyfield to the Little River. H. D. Woodruff to the Primitive. E. F. Caine to Mountain Union. J. H. Haynes, to Blue Ridge.

D. On Finance: F. W. Norman, J. M. Coe and S. L. Edmunds.

E. On Sabbeth Schools: J. H. Haynes, J. H. Norton and W. A. Gentry.

F. Resolutions: Sexton Stanley, J. M. Coe and E. F. Caine.

G. Temperance:C. C. Hollyfield, F. W. Norman and W. H. Melton.

10. Committee on Ministry reported for Saturday. 1st. Elder J. N. Calloway. 2nd. Elder A. McKnight.

11. On motion adjourned till Saturday morning half past nine. Prayer by Elder J. N. Calloway. Benediction by Elder A. McKnight.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER, 9th, 1907.

1. Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. After spending some time in devotional services the Association was opened by prayer by Elder E. F. Caine.

2. Clerk called roll of delegates and marked absentees.

3. Called on Committe on Arrangements to report. Report handed in and received, the items being taken up as they appeared on bill.

4. Clerk read Rules of Decorum.

5. Clerk read Minutes of yesterday which were received by the Body.

6. Committee on Temperance reported, after some remarks by W. H. Melton, J. N. Calloway, J. H. Haynes and others. Report received and Brethren discharged.

7. Committee on Sabbath Schools reported and after some remarks by the Brethren; Reports received and Committee discharged.

8. Called Committee on finance to report. Commttee reported received from the different churches $11.12. Report received and Committee discharged.

9. Called on Correspondents to report. These reported that they were received in love by sister Associations.

10. Called on Committee on Obituaries. Report received and Committee discharged.

11. Called on those who were appointed to write correspondent letters to report. Letters received and Committee discharged.

12. Committee on Ministry rerorted for Sunday 1st, Elder J. N. Calloway; 2nd, Elder A. McKnight.

13. Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations, W. F. Gregory, W. H. Melton to Mountain Union; C. C. Hollyfield, J. M. Coe and W. F. Gregory to Little River; J. H. Norten and W. H. Melton to Blue Ridge; E. F. Caine and F. W. Norman to the Primitive.

14. On motion that we give Bro. E. F. Caine a letter of Reccommendation to the Primeville District Association in Virginia and West Virginia. Letter was granted.

15. Called on Committee on Resolutions. Report received and Brethren discharged.

16. That we grant the request of Bear Creek Church

that the next session be held with that church. The request granted.

17. Appointed Clerk treasurer and that he have 300 copies of these Minutes printed, and allow him the remaider of the money for his service.

18. The next session to be held with Bear Creek Church. Elder J. H. Haynes to preach the Introductory, and W. H. Melton, Alternate.

19. On motion that the Clerk read Minutes of to-day. Read and received.

20. On motion adjourned till time and place of next Session. Singing and prayer by the Moderator.

W. F. Gregory, Mod.
J. H. Haynes, Clerk.

Sabbath service was opened by singing, and prayer by Elder W. F. Gregory. First sermon was delivered by Elder J. N. Calloway from first Corinthians, 8th chapter and 6th verse. Second sermon by Elder A. McKnight; text 4th chapter and 2nd. verse Second Timothy. Benediction by Elder W. F. Gregory.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Friendship—W. A. Gentry.

Covenant—F. W. Norman, E. F. Cane, M. Jennings.

Center View—S. L. Edmunds.

Oak Grove—W. F. Gregory, W. R. McCraw, J. W. McCraw.

Bear Creek—S. Stanley, J. M. Coe, J. T. Butcher.

Elkin Valley—C. A. Cooper, H. P. Jackson, H. D. Woodruff, J. H. Haynes,

Snow Hill—C. C. Hollyfield, W. K. Johnson, W. E. Norman, J. H. Norten, W. H. Milton.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS.

B. Woodruff, Elkin; W. F. Gregory, Mt. Airy, R. F. D. No. 3; W. H. Melton, Zephyr; W. H. A. Castevens, Yadkinville; J. H. Norten, Rusk, R. F. D. No. 1.; J. H. Haynes, Winston-Salem, P. O. box 356; E. F. Cane, Goodsprings.

TEMPERANCE.

1. Resolve that we, your Committee on Temperance encourage Temperance among our people in all things and more especially in the use of intoxicating drinks and opiates.

2. We advise our people to read 5 chapters of Galations as it speaks of 17 evils on Temperance.

W. H. Melton,
C. C. Hollyfield, } Committee.
F. W. Norman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we thank God for his blessings during the past year, and ask for a continuation of the same.
2. We as an advisary counsel say to our sister churches to honestly work for the Lord Jesus, to the upbuilding of His Kingdom. to holy refrain from drunkeness and covetiousness, playing cards, going to dances and balls these things do not belong to the people of God.
3. That we visit the sick, the fatherless and widow and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.
4. That we advise the members of our churches to attend their churches on their church meetings and look after their pastors not by hiring, but by giving as the Lord has blest thee. If you cannot give, help your pastor by your presence on church days.
5. We return our thanks to God and our brethren and sisters and friends for their kindness to us during this Session.

E. F. Caine,
J. M. Coe. } Committee.
Sexton Stanley.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your Committee advise the churches of this Association to organize Sunady Schools at their respective churches and teach their children the word of God, and that they use nothing but the word of God in their Sunday Schools and sing good hymns.

J. H. Haynes,
J. H. Norten, } Committee.
W. A. Gentry.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God. Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

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OBITUARIES.

Almedie Cooper, maiden name McDaniel, was born in August, 1834. Died February 16th, 1907. Wife of C. A. Cooper. God blessed them with five children; three sons and two daughters. She professed faith in Christ and joined the church in April 1855. She lived a faithful Christian until death. Farewell husband and children till we meet in heaven to part no more. Written by B. Woodruff.

Mahalie Gentry, maiden name Crouse, was born May 30th, 1827. Died, March 30th, 1907. She was married to Austin Gentry, September 17th, 1847. She professed faith in Christ in her early days, and joined the church at Cool Springs and in after years moved her membership to Friendship. She remained a consistant member of this church till she was called home. Farewell children dear, my life is past, you loved me dearly to the last, weep not for me, but pity take and love each other for my sake till we meet in the sweet bye and bye. Written by the children.

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Friendship	W. H. Melton, Zephyrs. J. H. Hanes, Winston	J. M. Gentry, Elkin, R F D 1	3					1		1			21	$11 70
Bear Creek	W. F. Gregory, Mt. Airy R.3	H. Jenkins, Crutchfield	4										11	1 50
Covenant	W. H. Melton, Zephyrs J. H. Haynes, Winston	F. W. Norman, Roaring Gap R 1	2										14	1 25
Oak Grove	W. F. Gregory, J. W. Brown	W. F. Gregory	2						1	1	2		38	2 00
Elkin Valley	W. H. Melton, Zephyrs	B. Woodruff, Elkin	1		1	2				1	3	1	33	2 17
Snow Hill	W. F. Gregory	C. C. Holyfield, Rusk R 1	3	7		1			1		2		22	1 50
Center View	W. F. Gregory	A. Kidd, Dobson	1			1							9	1 00

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